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- German authorities report malware that enables people to exploit bugs in iPhones and iPads
 that have been jailbroken, has been posted on the Internet, according to Computerworld.
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- Morgan Hill Times reports that if a large earthquake struck within 1.25 miles of Anderson Dam, the city of Morgan Hill, California, would be hit with a 35-foot wall of water within 15 minutes. (See item 61)

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - [http://www.esisac.com]

1. *July 8, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Rain moves on, leaving damage, cleanup behind.** A thunderstorm that rolled into Denver, Colorado, at about 4:14 p.m. July 7 dropped as much as 3 inches of rain in 90 minutes, prompting flash flood warnings in Denver and Boulder counties until mid-evening. The storm left about 28,000 Xcel customers without power, as the storm snapped trees and lines. At 8:45 p.m., about 10,000 were still without power, a spokesman said. About two dozen crews were scheduled to work

through the night, and the company said it hopes all the power would be restored by 9 a.m. July 8.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci 18434449

- 2. July 7, Associated Press (Montana) EPA to test air in homes near Montana oil spill. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said July 7 it will collect indoor air samples from homes downstream of a Yellowstone River oil spill after residents raised concerns about health risks from the tens of thousands of gallons of crude that poured into the watercourse. About 150 people showed up at an EPA meeting July 6 with questions about health risks, the duration of the cleanup, and whether the oil will permanently damage their livestock or property. Health officials said symptoms residents have reported, such as nausea, dizziness, and shortness of breath, are likely to ease as the chemicals in the oil evaporate or break down. Laboratory results from the air testing are expected to take about a week. A spokesman said Exxon Mobil's contractors will collect duplicate samples so their results can be verified by government scientists. The cause of the July 1 pipeline rupture beneath the riverbed in Montana remains under investigation, but the prevailing theory among officials and the company is that the raging Yellowstone caused erosion and exposed the line to damaging rocks or debris. There is still no definitive word on how far downriver the spill could spread. Source: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/07/07/ap/business/main20077661.shtml
- 3. July 7, Billings Gazette (Montana) More companies than Exxon given violations **for pipeline maintenance.** Several companies operating pipelines in Montana were cited for similar safety violations at the same time ExxonMobil received them for its Silvertip pipeline in 2009, which ruptured over the July 2 and 3 weekend and dumped tens of thousands of gallons of crude oil into the Yellowstone River. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) cited the companies — including ConocoPhillips in Billings and Front Range Pipeline in Laurel — in 2009 for poor corrosion control. It also directed the companies to develop a better system for training employees on emergency response procedures for broken pipelines. In May, Exxon officials performed tests on the Silvertip line where it runs underneath the Yellowstone to ensure that it could handle the stress of a flood-stage river. The company decided to keep the line running. The investigation into the cause of the spill remains ongoing. Source: http://www.istockanalyst.com/business/news/5279742/more-companies-than-

exxon-given-violations-for-pipeline-maintenance

4. July 7, WRTV 6 Indianapolis – (Indiana) IPL to replace manhole covers after explosions. Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) will install 100 new manhole covers in Indianapolis, Indiana in the wake of recent underground explosions. IPL said July 7 it will begin making immediate policy changes, including inspecting manholes every 3 years, instead of every 5, and inspecting underground vaults every 2 years. Crews will also install 100 new manhole covers downtown, which, in the event of an underground explosion, will only lift 3 to 5 inches off the ground, instead of flying up into the air, putting more people at risk. In April, IPL blamed a customer's equipment for igniting an underground explosion that shot flames out of a manhole in an alley behind the Conrad Indianapolis Hotel. In June, the utility began an inspection blitz covering 1,300

sites over 45 days to make repairs.

Source: http://www.theindychannel.com/news/28476832/detail.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

- 5. July 8, Sacramento Bee (California) Hazmat threat remains at site of big rig **fire.** A four-person team of experts with a hazardous materials disposal company was en route from Los Angeles, California late July 7 and was expected to begin work July 8 to remove materials responsible for fumes and a fire at a south Sacramento truck repair yard July 6. An environmental specialist with the Sacramento County Environmental Management Department said employees with Clean Harbors began removing contaminated water from storm drains July 7. Sacramento Fire Department (SFD) firefighters and hazardous materials team remained at the scene of the fire that was believed to have been ignited by a combination of chemical substances stored in a trailer on the property near Elder Creek and Florin-Perkins roads. A SFD deputy fire chief said officials haven't determined what chemicals were in the trailer, although they know it contains waste oil. "There are 42 different commodities in the trailer, and they're probably all hazardous," he said. The deputy chief said cleanup crews haven't been able to get into the trailer and, until they do, officials won't know its contents. Onsite tests July 6 showed positive readings for different types of chemicals, including Freon and some corrosives, he said. Three employees of businesses in the immediate area were taken to a hospital for what was described as "inhalation irritation." Seven trailers on the site have placards indicating that they contain hazardous materials, and the deputy chief said fire and city code enforcement officials are working to find out what they contain and whether the company has the proper permits. Source: http://www.modbee.com/2011/07/08/1766352/hazmat-threat-remains-at
 - site.html
- 6. July 8, WTVC 9 Chattanooga (Ohio) Flammable liquid spill at plant in **Dayton.** Multiple emergency responded to a chemical spill in Dayton, Tennessee around 7:30 a.m. July 7. About 900 gallons of a highly flammable liquid was safely contained at the Fujifilm Hunt Chemicals USA Inc. plant. Dozens of employees were evacuated from buildings or not allowed on the property to start their shifts. Manufacturers Road was blocked off in both directions while crews worked. The plant manager said the safety precautions were taken to protect workers from flammable vapors. "We're letting our line 1 people employees go back to work, that's away from the incident area, and office area people back in," he said. "We're going to hold people out of the the main office area because it's a little bit closer to the spill area." Trained, in-house crews responded to clean up the mess in building 6, where film is made. City and county emergency responders stood by, including hazmat crews from Hamilton County. The plant manager said the spill posed no imminent danger to the community. The clean up lasted more than 3 hours. Plant officials said the floor of building 6 was built to contain spills.

Source: http://www.newschannel9.com/articles/spill-1002796-flammable-plant.html

7. July 6, U.S. Department of Labor – (New Jersey) U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA cites Troy Chemical Corp. for process safety management hazards at Newark, N.J. facility. The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Troy Chemical Corp. for 11 serious safety violations related to process safety management at its Newark, New Jersey facility. An inspection was initiated January 7 in response to a referral from the New Jersey State Police alleging a hazardous solvent was released during a cleaning process. Proposed penalties total \$62,100. The violations include failing to provide: a written plan for employee participation; written shift change procedures; adequate process chemistry documentation; pressure relief system design and design basis; electrical classification documentation; and written mechanical integrity procedures. Additionally, the company's operating procedures lacked documentation of chemical properties and hazards, documentation of control measures to be taken after physical and inhalation exposure to hazardous chemicals, and emergency shutdown procedures. The company also failed to: ensure equipment complied with recognized and generally accepted good engineering practices; conduct compliance audits; conduct initial process hazard analysis; inspect and test equipment; and manage changes to the operating procedures before they were made. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known. Troy Chemical Corp. develops and manufactures performance additive chemicals, and employs 96 workers at its Newark site.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEAS ES&p_id=20208

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. July 7, Beaver County Times – (Ohio) NRC: Perry plant did not properly prepare workers before radiation incident. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) determined that a radiation-exposure incident nearly 3 months ago at a power plant near Cleveland, Ohio was the result of the operator not properly assessing the hazard and preparing workers. The determination from a month-long NRC special inspection at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant in Painesville, was released the week of July 4, 6 weeks after the investigation was completed. The plant is operated by Akron-based FirstEnergy Corp., which also operates the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station in Shippingport, Pennsylvania. In the April 21 incident, five workers were exposed to higher levels of radiation than normal when a contractor incorrectly installed cables used to pull monitoring equipment from the reactor during a refueling, and the workers were not shielded as well as they should have been, the NRC reported. The report said FirstEnergy did not take into account the potentially high radiation exposure of removing a neutron monitor that had been stuck in the reactor core for 10 months, and did not provide sufficient instructions to workers to ensure the task was conducted

correctly.

Source: http://www.timesonline.com/news/business/nrc-perry-plant-did-not-properly-prepare-workers-before-radiation/article_0c108f86-965e-586b-b305-426b488511f1.html

9. July 7, Chillicothe Gazette – (Ohio) Agency officials say no threat to community existed from incident. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is sending an investigator to the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio, to review a June 11 circuit breaker failure that resulted in damage to six test centrifuge machines and problems with two monitoring systems. The NRC project manager and a fire protection engineer with the agency told the Chillicothe Gazette July 7 the incident did not pose a significant danger since the monitoring systems did not remain out for long. According to the NRC, the power failure that affected about three dozen of the test centrifuge machines took place during routine maintenance procedures. The six machines that were damaged did not contain any uranium at the time of the power failure. USEC Inc., which operates the facility, made a courtesy call to NRC June 13 to inform the agency what had happened. The NRC project manager said the company was not required to file a formal report because an initial on-site review did not determine a failure of any systems identified as "Items Relied On For Safety." Further in-house investigation, however, revealed the power failure may have knocked out forced air ventilation and hydrogen monitoring systems in a battery room.

Source:

http://www.chillicothegazette.com/article/20110707/NEWS01/110707009/Agency-officials-say-no-threat-community-existed-from-incident?odyssey=nav|head

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. July 7, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – (National) Changzhou Globe Tool Group recalls electric log splitters due to laceration or amputation hazard. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Changzhou Globe Tool Group Co. Ltd. of China, July 7 announced a voluntary recall of about 20,000 Task Force 5-ton electric log splitters. They were imported into the United States by LG Sourcing, Inc. of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. The electric log splitters have a hydraulic arm that, during use, slides under the handle used to move the machine. The moving hydraulic arm poses a laceration or amputation injury hazard to individuals who place their hands on that handle while the splitter is in operation. The log splitters are silver and black, electric 5-ton models. The log splitter brand name, model and item number is Task Force 26083 241483, and were sold Lowe's stores nationwide from January 2008 through March 2011.

Source: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11273.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. July 8, Global Security Newswire – (Oregon) Umatilla Depot finishing final CW disposal campaign. The Umatilla Chemical Depot in Umatilla, Oregon has fewer than 700 bulk containers of mustard blister agent that remain to be destroyed in its final chemical weapons disposal campaign, the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported July 7. As of July 5, 1,976 ton containers had been incinerated, and 659 remained. All munitions containing nerve agents have already been eliminated since operations began in 2004. The Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility is due to complete demilitarization activities in November.

Source: http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20110708_2084.php

12. *July* 7, *CNN* – (Florida) **NASA finds no shuttle damage after two lightning strikes.** Early data showed space shuttle Atlantis, poised for launch in Cape Canaveral, Florida, July 8, escaped damage from two lightning strikes the afternoon of July 7, NASA said. One bolt emanating from a severe thunderstorm struck a water tower 515 feet from the pad; the second struck the beach nearby, the space agency said in a statement. The launch time of 11:26 a.m. July 8 remained unchanged, despite a 30 percent chance of favorable weather, according to NASA. Fueling was scheduled to start at 2:01 a.m. July 8. Ahead of that, engineers would determine whether the lightning affected systems, the external tank, main engines, or other components. Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/07/07/nasa.shuttle.lightning/index.html?iref=allsearch

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Banking and Finance Sector

- 13. *July 8, Banking Times* (National) **J.P. Morgan pays \$52m to settles fraud charges.** J.P. Morgan Securities agreed to pay \$51.2 million to settle fraud charges brought by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. July 7, the regulator accused the firm of "fraudulently rigging at least 93 municipal bond reinvestment transactions in 31 states, generating millions of dollars in ill-gotten gains." The firm will be redressing the affected municipalities or conduit borrowers, and will pay \$177 million to settle parallel charges brought by other federal and state authorities.

 Source: http://www.bankingtimes.co.uk/2011/07/08/j-p-morgan-pays-52m-to-settles-fraud-charges/
- 14. *July 8, San Luis Obispo Tribune* (California; International) **Officials trying to trace Atascadero bank hacker.** The city of Atascadero and Rabobank in California are investigating how a computer hacker managed to breach multiple levels of security in an attempt to steal \$83,000 in wire transfers from a city account at the bank, the San Luis Obispo Times reported July 8. According to the city manager, the hacker sent a phony e-mail ostensibly from the National Automated Clearing House Association (NACHA), which annually facilitates billions of electronic payments such as direct

deposit and direct payment. When a city computer tech opened the e-mail, it released a virus that used the wire transfer system the city has with the bank to transfer funds to accounts at several banks across the country that the city has no dealings with. NACHA's Web site said that since February, it has been "the victim of sustained and evolving phishing attacks in which consumers and businesses are receiving e-mails that appear to come from NACHA. The attacks are occurring with greater frequency and increased sophistication."

Source: http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2011/07/07/1674648/officials-trying-to-trace-atascadero.html

15. July 8, The Register – (International) Portuguese hackers strike back at Moody's downgrade. Portuguese hackers responded to a negative assessment of the country's ability to repay loans by defacing the Web site of credit reference agency Moody's, The Register reported July 8. The defacement restores the rating of the debt-crippled nation to the highest (A++) mark, while simultaneously attacking Moody's Web site security and business practices. The defacement comes a day after Moody's downgraded Portugal's sovereign-debt rating to junk status, a development criticized by local government officials and by executives from the European Central Bank, the Wall Street Journal reported.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/08/patriotic_portuguese_hackers_hit_moody/

16. *July 7, United Press International* – (Washington) **Seattle man held in \$20 million Ponzi scam.** A man from Seattle, Washington, was arrested July 7 for allegedly swindling investors out of more than \$20 million in a real estate Ponzi scheme, federal prosecutors announced. The 28-year-old man was picked up in Los Angeles, California, and was transported to Seattle to face five counts of wire fraud in the sale of real estate investments in Peru. He pitched potential investors at exclusive downtown clubs and hotels, and allegedly victimized friends of people with whom he had worked during a brief stint at a Seattle bank.

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/07/07/Seattle-man-held-in-20-million-Ponzi-scam/UPI-37721310069121/?spt=hs&or=tn

17. July 6, Bloomberg – (Illinois) CME Group software engineer accused of stealing source code for start-up. A Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) Group employee was charged with stealing trade secrets from the world's largest futures exchange for a Chinese start-up company in which he was to hold a financial stake. The man, 49, of Libertyville, Illinois, has been in federal custody since his July 1 arrest on a single theft-of- trade-secrets count, punishable by as long as 10 years in prison, according to the FBI. He appeared for a detention hearing July 6 before a U.S. magistrate judge in Chicago, Illinois. The hearing is scheduled to continue July 8. The man, a software engineer, worked at CME since 2000, the FBI said in a July 1 statement. In May, exchange security personnel began monitoring his computer activity. "They discovered that thousands of files had been downloaded to his computer and some were then copied to removable storage devices," including files that were "critical to the operation of the CME Group," according to the FBI.

Source: http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-06/cme-group-software-engineer-accused-of-stealing-source-code-for-start-up.html

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Transportation Sector

18. July 8, Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune – (National) Derailment blamed on broken rail. A train derailment in Hancock County, Ohio in February has been blamed on a broken rail. According to a report recently released by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) through the U.S. Department of Transportation, the derailment of 33 cars on a Norfolk Southern Corp. railroad at 2:15 a.m. February 6 was caused by head and web separation. A senior public affairs specialist for FRA in Washington, D.C. said a broken rail means the top of the rail is separated from its supports, and there are various ways they could fracture. "These things also can happen on the best-maintained rail because there can be internal defects," he said. A broken rail is the most common cause of derailments, and derailments are the most common type of train accidents, he said. According to the FRA report, 32 of the 60 cars carrying a hazardous material were damaged or derailed. The accident caused \$1.7 million in equipment damage, and \$217,500 in track damage. The train that derailed and caught fire was carrying ethanol from Chicago, Illinois to North Carolina. Twenty people were evacuated, and no injuries were reported.

Source: http://www.advertiser-tribune.com/page/content.detail/id/538493.html

19. *July 8, KGMI 790 AM Bellingham* – (Washington) **Railway offers reward for tips on trestle fire.** Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway is offering a reward to anyone who can help catch the people involved in the fire that greatly damaged a train trestle south of Bellingham, Washington. The BNSF railway bridge over Chuckanut Bay caught fire July 4 after two young people were seen lighting fireworks off the bridge. A boater observed the two youths running away, according to BNSF Railway Police. The trestle was shut down for 20 hours, and the damage is estimated at about \$120,000. The railway is offering a \$5,000 reward for anyone who has information that leads to the arrest of those who caused the fire.

Source: http://kgmi.com/Railway-Offers-Reward-For-Tips-on-Trestle-Fire/10308866

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

- 20. July 8, KHNL/KGMB 5 Honululu (Hawaii) Bento recall bacteria could lead to serious illness. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) July 6 said the Hawaiian company Warabeya USA was pulling about 1,550 pounds of packaged meals because they may be contaminated with listeria. The recall includes meals called the Big Bento, Breakfast Scramble Bowl, and the Little Smokies Snack Pack, sold exclusively at Hawaii's 64 7-Eleven stores. The bentos were made at a processing plant in Mapunapuna, Hawaii. Warabeya made the bentos June 28 with a best-eaten-by date of June 30. The USDA said they could have gotten contaminated when they came into contact with the pan of a food scale that tested positive for the bacteria. The USDA classifies the health risk as "high." Pregnant women and the elderly are especially vulnerable. New bentos at 7-Eleven were deemed safe to eat.

 Source: http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/15045272/bento-recall-bacteria-could-lead-to-serious-illness
- 21. July 7, KMGH 7 Denver (Colorado) Mall bomb suspect investigated in Denver bar fire. The man accused of planting bombs at the Colorado Mills Mall in Lakewood, Colorado is under investigation for a fire that destroyed part of a restaurant and bar in Denver, Colorado. The fire at the Urban Sombrero Bar and Grill happened June 24 the day before bombs were discovered at Colorado Mills. The 30-year-old man is the prime suspect in the attempted mall bombing, and is facing a number of federal and state charges. The owner of Urban Sombrero said Denver arson investigators told him they were looking at the man as a suspect. Denver turned over its case to the U.S. Department of Justice. After his arrest in June, the suspect admitted to investigators he broke into the Borders store at Colorado Mills, put the explosive devices inside, and lit the devices so they would detonate, prosecutors said.

Source: http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/28477548/detail.html

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Water Sector

22. *July 8, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Hundreds of gallons of water pour onto streets in downtown water main break.** An 8-inch water main break sent hundreds of gallons of water pouring out onto Front Street and Southern Road around 6:30 a.m. July 8 in Kansas City, Missouri. Some businesses were without water for a brief time before it was turned back on about an hour later. Officials hoped to have the break fixed by the afternoon.

Source: http://www.fox4kc.com/news/wdaf-hundreds-of-gallons-of-water-pour-onto-streets-in-downtown-water-main-break-20110708,0,5449543.story

23. July 7, Lakeland Ledger – (Florida) Emergency Crews at Scene of Explosion in West Lakeland. Fire crews battled flames at a water treatment plant off County Line Road in West Lakeland, Florida the morning of July 7. Authorities said an open-air reservoir caught fire when sparks from a nearby welding job struck a pool of petroleum-laden hazardous waste, causing an explosion at Aqua Clean Environmental Co. Inc., an

environmental company. A Lakeland Fire Department spokeswoman said the explosion occurred just as a "vac-truck" finished pumping a load of the contaminated material into the reservoir. The truck driver escaped the flames untouched, his truck did not. As fire crews from Lakeland, Polk, and Hillsborough counties responded to the crash, the plume of smoke could be seen more than a mile away. Firefighters used 98 gallons of foam to extinguish the flames in 30 minutes.

Source: http://www.theledger.com/article/20110707/NEWS/110709606/1338/sitemaps

24. July 7, WIBW 13 Topeka – (Kansas) Hazardous chemicals underground near former Topeka plant. Dangerous chemicals were found in the ground water at a former Topeka, Kansas business site, Adams Business Forms printing plant, near 2nd and Jackson streets. Environmental investigators were unsure of how the chemicals seeped out, but they were contained to an area downtown that does not pose a threat to people or animals. A cleanup report said Cardinal Brands, who owned the printing plant, operated a degreaser/cleaner and had underground petroleum storage tanks at the site. Cardinal Brands sold the plant in 2008, but had developed a plan to remove all solvents still underground. "Nobody has drank the water; really there are no health receptors. We just want it to stop from migrating to the river," said the chief of the remedial section for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). St Louis' Environmental Liability Transfer now owns the property and reentered the site under the KDHE's voluntary cleanup program.

Source:

http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/Hazardous_Chemicals_Found_Underground_Near_Former_Topeka_Plant_125185759.html

25. July 7, KWTX 10 Waco – (Texas) Some areas affected by damaged Waco water main under boil order. A boil order was issued July 7 for some water customers in Waco, Texas to curtail water use after a contractor, working on a Panther Way street project, damaged a main on July 6 that feeds the Ritchie Road tower. Because of the damage to the main, the Hewitt City Council implemented Stage Three of the community's water conservation plan, which institutes mandatory restrictions on water use because of the problem. Officials said the order would remain in effect until further notice.

Source: http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/125109064.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

26. *July 8, Haddonfield Patch* – (New Jersey) **Lightning strike forces evacuation of Camco Health Services Center patients.** Roughly 450 patients at Camden County Health Services Center in Blackwood, New Jersey were evacuated July 7 after a lightning strike at about 6:35 p.m. knocked out the facility's power. About 100 of the 450 patients displaced by the power outage were moved a short distance across Woodbury Turnersville Road to the Camden County Emergency Training Center. The

remaining 350 patients, who reside in the center's long-term care wing, were to be transported to Ann A. Mullen Middle School, in the Gloucester Township's Erial section. Firefighters declared the situation under control by around 7:15 p.m. The decision to evacuate the patients came less than an hour later. Emergency medical personnel from across Camden County joined with police and firefighters from Gloucester and Washington townships at the Lakeland complex to assure the facility's patients were safe.

Source: http://haddonfield.patch.com/articles/lightning-strike-forces-evacuation-of-camco-health-services-center-patients-2

27. *July 8, Associated Press* – (California) **4 killed in plane crash at US medical office.** Two adults and two children were killed when a small plane crashed into a medical building, federal investigators said July 8. Authorities initially reported that two people died in the crash the night of July 7 on the grounds of the Watsonville Community Hospital in Watsonville, California. The plane went into an unoccupied office building, and no one on the ground was hurt. The pilot had just taken off from nearby Watsonville Municipal Airport when the plane went down around 7:30 p.m., a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman said.

 $\frac{http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gevjeXsxvRgePc3xkduzpyJ9gwHg?docId=264cfb40cce84352a5aa09384df880a6}{}$

28. July 7, San Francisco Bay City News – (California) SF hospital evacuated 2 floors after bacteria outbreak last month. An outbreak of Clostridium difficile, more commonly known as C. diff, spread to about 10 patients at the San Francisco California Pacific Medical Center (CPMC) in the acute care facility and prompted the hospital to evacuate two floors to sterilize the facility and prevent its spread, a CPMC spokesman said. All of the infected patients were given antibiotics to treat the infection and have since recovered. The two floors were closed for about a week as workers thoroughly disinfected the area using bleach and other noxious chemicals. Although this is the first time the spokesman remembers a C. diff infection that spurred an evacuation, he said it is common in hospitals around the nation. The bacteria are shed in feces, and any surface or material can become a reservoir for the spores, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Source: http://www.baycitizen.org/blogs/pulse-of-the-bay/sf-hospital-evacuated-2-floors-after/

29. July 7, ComputerWorld – (California) UCLA Medical Center agrees to settle HIPAA violation charges for \$865K. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that the University of California at Los Angeles Health System has agreed to pay an \$865,000 fine and commit to a multi-year corrective action plan to settle potential Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HITECH) security and privacy rules violations. The settlement follows an investigation by HHS's Office of Civil Rights (OCR) into complaints by two unidentified celebrity patients that UCLA hospital staff had inappropriately accessed their electronic protected health information. The corrective plan requires the hospital to implement HHS-approved security and privacy procedures, as well as to conduct "regular and robust" training of

all UCLA health system employees that use protected health information. The plan requires the hospital to sanction employees who violate rules, and to appoint an independent assessor to audit compliance with the requirements over a 3-year period. The OCR investigation uncovered numerous other instances between 2005 and 2009 where hospital employees had looked at protected health information belonging to other patients. "This is new behavior on the part of HHS and it stems from the new enforcement imperatives Congress put into HITECH because the feds had such an abysmal enforcement record," said the founder and chairman of the Patient Privacy Rights Foundation.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218257/UCLA_Medical_Center_agrees_to_settle_HIPAA_violation_charges_for_865K

30. July 6, Flint Journal – (Michigan) Missing Hurley Medical Center laptop had nearly 2K patients' names, birth dates stored on it. A missing laptop from Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Michigan, contains the names, birth dates, heights, weights, and test results of nearly 2,000 patients who took pulmonary tests since 2007. Hurley officials said the laptop went missing over a weekend in mid-May. The computer could not be found in the hospital and may have been stolen, officials said. The laptop did not include Social Security numbers or home addresses, said the president and CEO at Hurley. The computer went missing out of a locked room. All patients have been notified via letter, and were offered one year of free credit reports, the president and CEO said.

Source: http://www.mlive.com/business/mid-michigan/index.ssf/2011/07/missing_hurley_medical_center.html

31. July 6, KNVX 15 Pheonix – (Arizona) Health experts watching for valley fever after huge dust storm hits Valley. Health experts in Phoenix, Arizona, were warning about potential valley fever cases from a fungal spore that lives in soil after a monstrous dust storm swept through Phoenix July 12. "... When you add a dust storm that brings [fungal spore] up and people breathe it in ... it settles in your lungs and it can make you sick," said an infectious prevention nurse with Banner Desert Medical Center in Mesa. The disease can hit anywhere between a week to six weeks after inhaling the spores. It affects everyone differently. Some valley fever patients may feel mild cold and flu-like symptoms, while others, where the disease disseminates past the lungs, can be more extreme causing severe debilitation and even death. The nurse said the best way to avoid valley fever is to stay indoors. She recommended that people who feel ill see a doctor to get tested for valley fever.

Source:

http://www.abc15.com/dpp/news/region_phoenix_metro/central_phoenix/health-experts-watching-for-valley-fever-after-huge-haboob-hits-the-valley

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32. *July 8, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) Councilman mails fake bomb to self. Police said a St. Francis, Minnesota city council member mailed himself a fake grenade to gain sympathy from constituents. The man was cited for filing a false police report after calling St. Francis officers the week of June 27 to report a suspicious package he received in the mail. He reportedly showed the officer a package postmarked from Chicago, Illinois in his mailbox. Police said the councilman told the officer he thought it was a bomb because "he was in politics and has a lot of enemies." The council member insisted the officer open the package. And, when the officer declined, he ripped it open to reveal what looked like a real hand grenade. A note in the box said, "The next one will be real." KARE 11 Minneapolis reported that when the man was interviewed by detectives, he admitted driving to Chicago and mailing himself the package to gain sympathy from the public.

Source: http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/bizarre&id=8238667

33. July 7, Seattle Post-Intelligencer — (Washington) Grand jury indicts two in South Seattle terror attack plot. A Seattle, Washington grand jury July 7 indicted two men arrested June 22 on allegations that they planned to attack a South Seattle military processing center. Following on charges filed the day after their arrests, the grand jury indicted a 33-year-old and a Los Angeles, California man on nine counts related to the purported plot against the Military Entrance Processing Station. Charged June 23 with planning a suicidal attack against a East Marginal Way South recruit processing center, the men have been jailed since. They are charged with planning to storm the center with automatic rifles and grenades to kill recruits and Department of Defense employees working there. Prosecutors claim the plot was thwarted in the 11th hour after another Muslim man approached by one of the suspects in late May went to Seattle police, then acted as an informant. The men were indicted on charges of conspiracy to murder officers and agents of the United States, and conspiracy to use weapons of mass destruction.

Source: http://www.seattlepi.com/local/article/Grand-jury-indicts-two-in-South-Seattle-terror-1456771.php

34. July 7, Government Computer News – (National) DOE's Jefferson Lab restoring website, investigating cyberattack. The Energy Department's Jefferson Lab nuclear research facility is back online and in the process of restoring its Web site as officials investigate a cyberattack that took the site off-line for parts of July 1 to 3. The Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Virginia, also known as the Jefferson Lab, came under attack July 1, along with the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) in Washington State. PNNL shut down all network access July 1, but began restoring internal communications the weekend of July 2 and 3. External email at PNNL was restored the afternoon of July 6, but the lab's Web site remained off-line as of July 7. Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio, which manages PNNL and several other DOE facilities, also came under attack July 1, and shut down e-mail and outside access over the weekend of July 2 and 3. Those services were restored July 5, a spokesperson said.

Source: http://gcn.com/articles/2011/07/07/energy-jefferson-lab-cyberattack-online.aspx

35. July 7, EHS Today – (Washington) Safety board says Hanford site has 'atmosphere adverse' to safety. EHS Today reported July 7 the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB), following an investigation triggered by a whistleblower, released a report, Safety Culture at the Waste Treatment and Immobilization Plant, analyzing the failures in the safety culture at the Department of Energy's waste treatment plant (WTP) at the Hanford site in southeast Washington state. When a top engineer with URS at Hanford called into question whether Bechtel, the primary contractor at the site, met a contract milestone that resulted in a multi-million dollar bonus, he was reassigned to a basement cubicle "performing no meaningful work," his attorney said. The engineer's employer, URS, is a subcontractor for Bechtel. Nearly a year after the engineer's letter to the DNFSB chairman triggered an investigation that included interviews with 45 witnesses and the review of more than 30,000 pages of documents, the DNFSB said its investigation found "that both DOE and contractor project management behaviors reinforce a subculture at WTP that deters the timely reporting, acknowledgement and ultimate resolution of technical safety concerns." Source: http://ehstoday.com/safety/news/safety-board-hanford-site-atmoshpereadverse-safety-0707/

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Emergency Services Sector

- 36. July 8, Attleboro Sun Chronicle (Massachusetts) Prison blaze doused. Local firefighters, assisted by nine area fire departments, extinguished a two-alarm fire in an administration building at a Massachusetts state prison July 7. There were no injuries from the fire, reported about 1:20 p.m. in the third floor of the building at the MCI Norfolk medium security prison, said a spokeswoman for the Massachusetts Department of Corrections (MDOC). A few inmates in an infirmary in the building and staff were evacuated, she said. None of the 1,500 inmates at the 2 Clark Street prison are housed in the building, she said. Six MDOC staff who searched and evacuated the building were evaluated by MDOC medical personnel, the fire chief said. The main part of the fire was extinguished about 1:40 p.m., he said, with the blaze under control by about 2 p.m. The cause of the blaze was investigated by MDOC staff and the state fire marshal and determined to have been accidentally started by a computer printer on a desk, the state fire marshal said. Damage was moderate, including smoke and damage to a third floor office area, the fire chief said.
 - Source: http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2011/07/08/news/9854935.txt
- 37. July 8, msnbc.com, Reuters, and Associated Press (Michigan) Michigan gunman dead after killing daughter, ex-girlfriend, 5 others. A man suspected of killing seven people ended a hostage standoff July 7 by shooting himself in the head, Michigan police said. The man had engaged in a gunbattle with police in Grand Rapids and a high-speed chase before taking three people hostage. One hostage was released, and the other two were found safe after the suspect took his life, the Grand Rapids police chief said. Authorities said the 34-year-old ex-convict left behind a pair of bloody crime

scenes — the result of an unexplained rampage in which he killed his daughter, an exgirlfriend, and five others, including a second child who police could not immediately identify. Police suspect he shot dead five adults and two children at two different locations, setting off a police manhunt with helicopters, state police, and sheriff's deputies. The shooting spree began with a road rage incident when the suspect shot the driver of a pickup truck in a traffic jam. The pickup truck driver suffered minor injuries. A chase began then that saw the suspect crash into a patrol car, and exchange gunfire with officers, wounding a female bystander. The suspect drove the wrong way on major highways with more than a dozen squad cars pursuing him, the police chief said. He crashed the vehicle and then fled on foot heading toward a nearby single-family home, firing several shots as he forced his way inside and took hostages he did not know, police said. Dozens of officers with guns drawn cordoned off the neighborhood, around 7:30 p.m. During the next 5 hours, the suspect fired sporadically at officers, and inside the house. He vacillated between threatening to shoot the hostages, and pleading with police to take him out, the police chief said.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43677328/ns/us_news-crime and courts/?gt1=43001

38. July 8, Associated Press – (New Jersey) New N.J. plan targets steroid use by **police.** A new state strategy unveiled July 7 to combat illegal steroid use by New Jersey police allows departments to test officers for steroids, but falls short of more drastic action taken in other parts of the country. Flanked by prosecutors, police chiefs, and medical officials, the attorney general listed a multitiered strategy for curbing misuse and improper prescribing of anabolic steroids and other muscle-building drugs, a problem that has cost taxpayers millions of dollars and jeopardized the community's trust in law enforcement. The study group that developed the strategy began its work after a December 2010 investigation by the Newark Star-Ledger revealed that hundreds of officers and firefighters had used government benefits to pay for steroids and human growth hormone. The state's drug testing policy for police will be changed to allow, but not require, police departments to test officers for steroids, leaving police chiefs with the decision of whether to perform drug tests. Under the current policy, steroids are not on the list of drugs that can be tested. Those who test positive will need a doctor's letter saying there is a legitimate medical reason for steroids or hormones. The Star-Ledger reported the doctor who prescribed the drugs to 248 officers and firefighters used fake diagnoses.

Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/news/new_jersey/125199684.html

39. *July 8, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Phoenix man arrested after laser pointed at police helicopter.** Phoenix, Arizona police July 7 were spreading the word that people who shoot laser beams at aircraft are liable to go to jail. That is exactly what happened July 6 when a suspect, age 24, admitted to officers that he had aimed a green-laser pointer at a police helicopter flying above the 2300 block of West Portal Lane, south of Greenway Road, at about 10:30 p.m., a police spokesman said. Two officers with the police air unit were piloting the helicopter at the time. Authorities said lasers can temporarily blind or distract pilots or crew members on board an aircraft, making it difficult to safely land. The spokesman said that, several times a month, people on the ground direct laser pointers at police aircraft.

Source:

 $\underline{http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2011/07/07/20110707phoenix-laser-pointer-helicopter-abrk.html}$

40. *July 7, Reuters* – (International) **Napolitano sets plan to curb Mexico border drug smuggling.** The DHS Secretary July 7 rolled out the U.S. President's administration's 2011 strategy to curb drug smuggling on the Mexico border, pledging to boost intelligence sharing and technology to tighten security. The U.S. President has been under intense pressure to beef up security on the porous southwest border to curb immigrant and drug smuggling north from Mexico, and halt the flow of guns and cash proceeds south. Among goals going forward was boosting intelligence and information sharing with state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies along the nearly 2,000-mile border, and enhanced liaison with Mexican authorities. The plan also sought to increase the use of technologies such as X-Ray machines at land border crossings to detect drugs headed north to U.S. markets, and bulk cash proceeds and guns headed south to Mexico to arm the Mexican cartels. Part of the emphasis also focuses on reducing U.S. demand for drugs through education, community development, and providing rehabilitation for drug users.

Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/07/us-usa-mexico-drugs-idUSTRE7667M020110707

41. July 7, Associated Press – (Minnesota) New Prague woman pleads guilty to threatening Biden, law enforcement officers. A 47-year-old New Prague, Minnesota woman pleaded guilty to charges that she threatened to kill or injure two law enforcement officers. Federal prosecutors in Minnesota announced that the woman entered her plea July 7. A sentencing date has not been set, but she could get more than 10 years in prison. She specifically pleaded guilty to one count of threatening interstate communications, and one count of mailing threatening communications. The indictment filed in April accused her of mailing letters threatening the U.S. Vice President and a FBI Special Agent, who had arrested her 20 years ago for bomb threats against an airline. The indictment also said she made a telephone threat to an employee at a federal prison in Welch, West Virginia, last September. Source:

 $\frac{http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/105245603f2e48f98cc8c170ec6eb79f/MN-Federal-Threats-Guilty-Plea/\\$

42. *July 7, CNN* – (New York) **NY troopers warn of e-mail hoax ticket and computer virus.** A hoax e-mail circulating nationally appears to carry an attached traffic ticket by New York State troopers, but it is believed to really carry an unknown computer virus, according to state police. E-mails sent primarily to Yahoo accounts direct recipients to open an attached zip file to access a copy of a traffic ticket that they are supposed to fill out and return to a town court. An unknown type of virus is believed to be attached to the file, which is currently being analyzed by the state police computer forensics lab, according to a news release from the New York State Police. Police warn the e-mail's subject line may contain the line, "UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKET," with the message accusing the recipient of a violation of "speed over 55 zone" July 2. Police ask that recipients of the hoax e-mail delete the e-mail and not forward it. They advise computer

users to activate anti-virus software, firewalls, and take other security measures, only opening e-mails from familiar sources.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/07/07/new.york.hoax.ticket/index.html?hpt=us_c2

43. *July 7*, *KFOX 14 El Paso* – (Texas) **El Paso Police crime lab on probation.** The El Paso, Texas, Police Department's crime lab is on probation, and is forced to undergo an external review. At a press conference July 7, the El Paso police chief, along with county attorney, and district attorney informed the public about a report by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board. The police department said it will have to wait for an independent agency to review 122 cases to see if controlled substance testing results were accurate. According to the El Paso Times, while on probation, the laboratory remains accredited, contingent upon satisfying the conditions of the probation within a specified time period. The probation is expected to last until September 2.

Source: http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/28479953/detail.html

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Information Technology Sector

- 44. *July 8, H Security* (International) **Microsoft to fix critical vulnerability in Windows 7 and Vista.** Microsoft announced it plans to release four security bulletins July 12. The company rates one of the bulletins as "Critical;" the remaining three are considered to be "Important." According to Microsoft, the bulletins will patch 22 vulnerabilities. The remotely exploitable critical holes only affect Windows 7 and Vista. Other issues include a remote code execution problem in Microsoft Visio 2003 Service Pack 3, as well as privilege elevation issues in Windows XP, and Windows Server 2003 and 2008. Source: http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Microsoft-to-fix-critical-vulnerability-in-Windows-7-and-Vista-1276015.html
- 45. July 7, Computerworld (International) PDFs that exploit iPhone, iPad zero-day available on the Web. Hours after developers revealed they exploited bugs in Apple's iOS to "jailbreak" iPhones and iPads, German government security authorities warned one of the flaws could be put to malicious use. Now, malformed files that exploit the vulnerability have been publicly posted on the Internet. Germany's Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) warned citizens July 6 the iOS bug could be used by criminals to hijack iPhones, iPads, and iPod Touches. "Even clicking a crafted PDF document or surfing to a website with the PDF documents are sufficient to infect the mobile device with malicious software," the BSI said. PDF files that successfully exploit the vulnerability are available on the Web, according to the chief research officer of antivirus company F-Secure. PDFs could be used by miscreants to hack iOS devices by luring users to malicious sites, said the director of security operations at nCircle Security. iPhone and iPad users steered to a malicious PDF — via a link embedded in an e-mail — would not receive any warning or be required to take additional action. The BSI warning came hours after a group of developers released an updated version of JailbreakMe, a tool that hacks iOS so iPhone and iPad users can

install software not sanctioned by Apple.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218246/PDFs_that_exploit_iPhone_iPad_zer o_day_available_on_the_Web

- 46. *July 7*, *Softpedia* (International) **New Android spyware can switch C&C servers.** Security researchers identified a new piece of Android spyware that spreads via repackaged applications and is capable of switching between different command and control servers. Dubbed GoldDream, the trojan was discovered on alternative Android markets by an assistant professor at North Carolina State University. The malware is designed to spy on victims by uploading their call log and SMS messages to a remote server. In addition, the trojan notifies the attacker when a call is initiated or when an SMS message is received. It acts like a botnet client that can receive commands remotely. According to the security researcher, GoldDream can be ordered to send SMS messages, make phone calls, install or uninstall apps, and upload a file to a remote server. Malware analysts from Trend Micro said the spyware has an unusual ability to update itself and change its command and control servers.

 Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Android-Spyware-Can-Switch-C-C-Servers-210379.shtml
- 47. July 7, Softpedia (International) Cross-domain WebGL resources disabled in Chrome. Google will disable cross-domain WebGL resources in the next version of its Chrome browser because of security issues with the feature. In May, Context Information Security, a consultancy company, identified several vulnerabilities in the WebGL technology. One of the issues was the cross-domain theft of images when used as WebGL textures, the company providing a proof-of-concept exploit for this type of attack. The Khronos Group, which develops WebGL, started to update the specification to address the problem, but in the meantime, Mozilla disabled support for cross-domain WebGL textures in Firefox 5. Google has followed suit, however it provided an alternative for developers requiring this functionality. "As a result, Chrome 13 (and Firefox 5) will no longer allow cross-domain media as a WebGL texture. The default behavior will be a DOM SECURITY ERR. However, applications may still utilize images and videos from another domain with the cooperation of the server hosting the media, otherwise known as CORS," the Chrome developers wrote. CORS, cross-origin resource sharing, is a mechanism that enables cross-origin requests. This allows Web masters to use cross-origin resources only if the resource owners agree. Source: http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cross-Domain-WebGL-Resources-Also-Disabled-in-Chrome-210378.shtml
- 48. *July 6, Reuters* (International) **Accused hacker indicted over AT&T-iPad breach.** A man accused of hacking into AT&T servers and stealing personal data belonging to 120,000 Apple iPad users was indicted July 6, 2 weeks after a codefendant pleaded guilty. The man was charged by a Newark, New Jersey grand jury with one count of conspiracy to gain unauthorized access to computers and one count of identity theft, the office of the U.S. attorney in New Jersey said. The indictment follows the co-defendant's guilty plea June 23 to the same charges. The co-defendant could face a 12- to 18-month prison term at his sentencing, which is scheduled for

September 28. The man indicted July 6 is a resident of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and has been free on bail. Prosecutors in January accused the two men of using an "account slurper" to conduct a "brute force" attack over 5 days in June 2010 to extract data about iPad users who used the Internet through AT&T's network. Both were affiliated with Goatse Security, a group of "self-professed Internet 'trolls' " who try to disrupt online content and services, prosecutors said.

Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/06/apple-hacker-idUSN1E7651AC20110706

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: https://www.it-isac.org

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Communications Sector

49. July 7, Wired – (National) Sprint confirms text-message problems. A number of Sprint customers reported difficulties receiving SMS text messages from cellular customers outside the Sprint network beginning in late June. Customers complained of long delays in receiving SMS text messages — sometimes hours, sometimes days — while others said some of their texts did not arrive at all. "We are aware of a text-messaging issue that is impacting a small percentage of incoming text messages," wrote a Sprint representative in a statement provided to Wired.com. "We are working to resolve the issue as quickly as possible." The problems were isolated to inbound texts coming from people not on the Sprint network, as user reported claim messages from other Sprint users were being received intact and on time. Customers were able to send outbound texts with no difficulty. The problem was not isolated to a specific type of device, as both feature-phone and smartphone users complained about disrupted service on the Sprint forums. The incident is not the first time Sprint faced customer ire due to network disruption. As recently as May, Sprint acknowledged downtime for both its SMS and voice services across multiple states.

Source: http://www.wired.com/gadgetlab/2011/07/sprint-sms-text-problem/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *July 8, Salem Statesman-Journal* – (Oregon) **Bomb squad called after liquid found at park.** A gallon jug filled with flammable liquid prompted a bomb squad response to

Bush's Pasture Park in Salem, Oregon July 6. The suspicious device was found about 8:30 p.m. Police called the Salem bomb squad and closed part of the park. "It was some type of improvised incendiary device," said a Salem police official. Police think someone put the jug on the table intending to see it go off. The bomb squad was able to prevent that, the police official said. No one was injured. The lower part of Bush Park, near Leffelle Street SE, was closed for about 3 hours while police were at the scene. Source: http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20110708/NEWS/107080341/Bomb-squad-called-after-liquid-found-park?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|s

51. July 8, CNN – (Texas) Texas Rangers fan dies trying to catch ball. Almost a year after a similar incident, tragedy struck again at a Texas Rangers Major League Baseball (MLB) game July 7 when a fan fell over a railing while trying to catch a ball. The fan flipped over the railing of the outfield seats at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. He fell about 20 feet — crashing head-first into an area near a scoreboard as his son watched. The man was rushed to a hospital where he died, the Arlington Fire Department said. MLB officials said the incident occurred in the second inning of the game after an outfielder threw a ball in the stands for fans. Another fan who was sitting near the victim saw him leaning over the rail. The second man tried to grab on to the victim's shirt but could not hold on. The incident occurred almost a year after another fall at a Texas Rangers game. On July 9, 2010, a fan fell from the second deck of the ballpark while trying to catch a foul ball. The man survived the 30-foot fall but fractured his skull, and injured his foot and ankle.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/SPORT/07/07/texas.rangers.game.death/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

52. *July 7, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Roof of midtown church collapses.** The roof of a Kansas City, Missouri church collapsed July 7, toppling a brick wall, but no one was inside and no one was hurt. The sagging roof and gaping hole near the rear of the Cain-Grant AME Church at 1701 Linwood Boulevard was discovered about 11:30 a.m. by a minister from another AME church who had driven by. At first, bystanders could see into the church's sanctuary through the large gap in the east wall. But about an hour later, the roof collapsed into the sanctuary, covering the opening. The collapse occurred in the rear of the building, which had a flat roof and appeared to be an addition to the original church, which has a peaked roof. An official with the city's neighborhood and community services department said it appeared that heavy rains may have contributed to the roof's collapse.

Source: http://www.kansascity.com/2011/07/07/3000903/roof-of-midtown-church-collapses.html

53. July 7, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal – (Pennsylvania) Auto mishap led to explosion that destroyed carwash. A car accident caused a propane gas leak that led to a July 1 explosion at a car wash just south of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, police said. The 3:30 a.m. blast leveled the carwash at Engleside in the 1000 block of Willow Street Pike. No one was injured but damage to the carwash and surrounding homes and businesses was estimated at \$1.5 million, police said. A West Lampeter Township police detective said July 7, "The car probably struck the corner or end of one of the

bays," he said. The propane pipe was not broken at the point of impact. If it had broken there, the propane just would have dissipated in the air." Instead, the accident ruptured a portion of the pipe that was inside a small, enclosed office at the car wash, he said. The office filled with gas and, with the help of some type of ignition, eventually exploded, he said. No charges have been filed in the incident, but police continue to conduct interviews, he said. A number of homes in the mobile home park and some businesses across Willow Street Pike from the site were damaged by the blast. Five of the homes were condemned July 5 after West Lampeter Township inspectors found evidence of structural damage.

Source: http://lancasteronline.com/article/local/417552_Auto-mishap-led-to-explosion-that-destroyed-carwash.html

54. *July 7, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Vandals use sparklers to create explosion that damaged 2 public restrooms in Beatrice.** Police were searching for vandals who used sparklers taped together to blow up two public restrooms in Beatrice, Nebraska over the weekend of July 2 and July 3. Police said the explosions happened late July 2 at Hannibal Park. The police chief told KOLN-TV that taping the sparklers together and putting them in a confined space created a "really big explosion." He said if anyone had been in the restrooms at the time they would have been seriously injured or killed. Inside the restrooms, porcelain fixtures and toilets were blown to pieces, and debris was strewn everywhere. Local fire officials said damage was estimated at \$5,000. Source:

http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/020b2541370842daa407013584447bfb/NE-Beatrice-Bathroom-Explosion/

55. *July 7, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Man indicted for Clayton parking garage bombing.** A former Democratic political operative has been indicted by federal authorities for allegedly planting a bomb in a Clayton, Missouri parking garage in 2008, KTVI 2 St. Louis reported July 7. The bomb went off, seriously injuring a Clayton attorney. Police believe he was not the bomber's intended target, but instead he was tyring to kill a different lawyer. The suspect is well known to law enforcement. He is also well known in Democratic political circles. The feds now say he is the one who planted a bomb in a garage at 190 Carondolet plaza in Clayton October 15, 2008. The suspect has a history of felony drug and gun charges. He is now in federal custody. Source: http://www.kplr11.com/news/ktvi-st-louis-man-indicted-2008-bombing-clayton-parking-garage-20110707-story,0,2429925.story

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56. *July* 8, *Orange County Register* – (California) **Brea fire is first big blaze in 'normal' season.** A brush fire July 7 burned through almost 400 acres along Carbon Canyon Road in California, as dry vegetation and warmer summer weather has authorities on guard against large-scale fires. Scattered hot spots were all that remained late July 7 of

the fire that burned in the wildland area near Olinda Village as about 100 firefighters prepared to stay overnight to mop up what was left of the fire. At the fire's peak, about 250 firefighters responded, aided by three helicopters, and two fixed-wing aircraft dropping water and flame retardant. Officials from the predictive services branch of the U.S. Forest Service said the region is in what they referred to as a "normal" fire season in Orange County, meaning that several large fires are projected for the region. Crews have responded to multiple small vegetation fires over the past few weeks, but the Carbon Canyon blaze was the first large-scale fire of 2011.

Source: http://www.ocregister.com/articles/fire-307359-helicopters-mckeown.html

- 57. *July 7, KSTP 5 St. Paul* (Minnesota) **9 Charged in vandalism spree at Afton State Park.** Nine people were charged with what police said was a drunken vandalism spree at Afton State Park in Afton, Minnesota. Police made another arrest July 7. The incident took place July 4, while the park was closed due to the state government shutdown. The vandals did thousands of dollars in damage to three buildings. The suspects were charged with burglary, and first-degree property damage, which are both felonies. Charges are pending against others involved in the crimes. Source: http://kstp.com/article/stories/s2189480.shtml
- 58. July 7, Abilene Reporter-News (Texas) Firefighter dies battling blaze in Palo Pinto County. An out-of-state firefighter was killed July 7 while battling a wildfire in rural Palo Pinto County, Texas, officials said. The firefighter was airlifted from the scene of the 337 Wildfire, west of State Highway 337 between Devil's Hollow Road and Indian Creek Road. The fire is estimated to have burned about 600 acres in rough terrain 5 miles northwest of Mineral Wells. The fire is about 30 percent contained. No homes have been lost, a public information officer for the Texas Forest Service said July 7. Helicopters and ground crews continue to work the fire, he said. Source: http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/jul/07/firefighter-dies-battling-blaze-in-palo-pinto/
- 59. July 7, Reuters (New Mexico) Weather helps fight to save sacred mountain from wildfire. Calmer winds and more humid weather bolstered firefighters' efforts July 7 to save a sacred Pueblo Indian mountain on the edge of New Mexico's monster Las Conchas wildfire. Fire crews were able to maintain firelines around three sides of the Chicoma Mountain in Rio Arriba County, considered as the "center of all" by many New Mexico Pueblo Indians. The fire was 40 percent contained as of that afternoon. The fire, which lapped at the edges of the Los Alamos nuclear complex and forced its temporary closure the week of June 27, has consumed nearly 137,000 acres and is encroaching on the Santa Clara Pueblo reservation, which encompasses Chicoma Mountain. Sparked June 26 by a tree falling on power lines about 12 miles southwest of Los Alamos, the fire has burned through around 80 percent of the Santa Clara reservation's forest land.

Source: http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/07/us-wildfire-newmexico-idUSTRE7667MK20110707

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Dams Sector

- 60. *July 8, KMBC 9 Kansas City* (Missouri) **Report: Carroll County levee is overtopping.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported late July 7 that the Belcher-Lozier levee in Carroll County, Missouri was overtopping; a section had separated from the embankment and crews were working to sandbag the area. KMBC 9 Kansas City reported a nearby levee was overtopped, and the waters were putting pressure on the other levee. The breached levee is located on the Missouri River about 5 miles southeast of Norborne. The Missouri Levee And Drainage District Association spokesman said the levee is one of four levees that had a major breach in 2010. Source: http://www.kmbc.com/news/28484276/detail.html
- 61. July 7, Morgan Hill Times (California) Anderson Dam unsafe, \$110M fix. The Santa Clara Valley Water District confirmed in the form of a capital project proposal worries that arose in 2009: if a large earthquake struck within 1.25 miles of Anderson Dam in California, downtown Morgan Hill would be underwater within 15 minutes. An independent seismic study conducted 2 years ago set the water district into motion July 6 with the announcement that the 60-year-old dam will be retrofitted at the estimated cost of \$110 million. Construction is set to begin in 2015. In 2009, the California Division of Safety of Dams banned Anderson Reservoir from keeping a water level more than 74 percent, because the dam's foundation contains sand and gravel that could liquefy in a big quake. The study claims that if the dam did fail, the city of Morgan Hill and its roughly 38,000 population would be hit with a 35-foot wall of water, and flood waters could reach Gilroy, population 48,821, in 2.5 hours. Source: http://www.morganhilltimes.com/news/277271-anderson-dam-unsafe-110m-fix
- 62. July 7, Associated Press (Missouri) Watson residents evacuate again. Residents who recently returned to their homes after the Missouri River breached a levee and flooded Northwest Missouri towns in Atchinson County weeks ago, had to evacuate their homes as rain and the waterway threatened to flood the area July 7. Weeks of high pressure from the bloated waterway further damaged the levee, putting the town of Watson under severe risk of more flooding, said the deputy director of emergency management for Atchison County. Up to 3 inches of rain fell in the area late July 7. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began releasing massive amounts of water from dams along the Missouri River a few weeks ago to relieve upstream reservoirs that were under pressure due to substantial spring snow melt from the Rocky Mountains and heavy rainfall in the upper Plains, causing flooding in many communities along the river. The breach is about 600 feet long, said a spokeswoman for the Missouri National Guard. The Corps expects the river to remain high at least into August. Source: http://www.newspressnow.com/localnews/28474123/detail.html

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